

Appl. No.: 10/617,646  
Art Unit: 3711 Docket No.: B03-49  
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**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the above-amended claims and the following remarks. Claims 1, 2 and 4-14 appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 3. Claim 3 has been canceled without prejudice. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 6-14. Applicants also acknowledge the Examiner's finding that claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have incorporated the subject matter of canceled dependent claim 3 into independent claim 1. Thus, amended independent claim 1 should now be in condition for allowance. The claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 are now moot. Claims 2 and 4-5 depend from claim 1 and are patentable for at least the same reasons. Thus, claims 1, 2 and 4-14 are now in condition for allowance.

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Conclusion

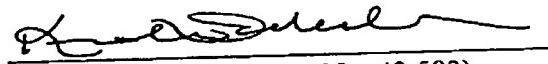
Based on the remarks set forth above, Applicants believe that all of the rejections have been overcome and the claims of the subject application are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any further concerns or believe that a discussion with the Applicants' attorney would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the attorney at the number below.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. However, should any required fees be due, please charge them to Acushnet Company Deposit Account No. 502309.

Respectfully submitted,

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